(iii) disinfection of used syringes and needles; (iv) condom promotion; (v) treatment of sexually transmitted infections; and (vi) care and support and de-addiction services.

The National AIDS Control Organisation is coordinating with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in respect of drug de-addiction programme in the country, particularly in the North-Eastern States. NGOs supported by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for de-addiction programme have been sensitized to integrate HIV/AIDS prevention in interventions undertaken by them for drug addicts.

Statement

Death due to HIV/AIDS during the last three years

SI. No. State/UT	1999	2000	2001
1. Assam	-	1	-
2. Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
3. Manipur	2	17	50
4. Mizoram	-	7	-
5. Meghalaya	1	-	-
6. Nagaland	12	25	28
7. Sikkim	1	-	-
8. Tripura	-	-	-
Tom:	16	50	78

Use of herbal products by beauty parlours

58. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRIKRIPALPARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether herbal products used by the beauty parlours can cause allergy;

(b) whether Government have developed any regulatory mechanism to ensure that only qualified persons and tested cosmetics are allowed in the profession;

(c) whether during the seminar organised by the Indian Medical Association, they had warned against the unchecked use of herbals by unqualified practitioners; and

(d) if so, the follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Cosmetics are required to be manufactured under licence granted by State Drugs Control Authorities under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. The standard for cosmetics are prescribed by BIS from time to time.

(c) and (d) Indian Medical Association (IMA) stated that they have not organized any such seminar during the last one year. However, IMA, in different forums, has been repeatedly warning against the unchecked use of herbals and all other medication by unqualified practitioners.

Discrimination against AIDS/HIV positive persons

59. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pune-based (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) group of AIDS/HIV positive persons is lobbying for an end of discrimination of the victims by the society and hospitals; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard so that apathy in providing proper medical care to such victims is removed and guidelines issued so that hospitals all over the country do not spurn such AIDS/ HIV patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power is a New York based organisation working in Pune for reduction and elimination of discrimination against People Living With HIV/AIDS.

(b) Government have initiated a three pronged action to eliminate apathy in providing proper medical care to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA):